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I DON'T CARE
WHO'S KID HE IS
DON'T LET HIM
PLAY WITH MY
CRYSTALS!!



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MEETINGS

First Mon. of the month.. at.. Town Hall
Germantown & Haines, Phila. 8:00 P.M.

NETS & NET FREQUENCIES

CH 1 - 29493 Kc. CH 3 - 27000 Kc.
CH 2 - 29626 Kc. CH 4 - 50.7 Mc.
Scrambled-Egg Net, Weekdays, 0730-0830
Ten on Ten Net, Sundays, 1000-1100
Blarney Sessions, Anytime, on CH 1..
29493 Kc is monitored, Daily, 0830-0001
for benefit of mobiles in Phila. area.

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From The President..

" P. P. P."

P.P.P: What is it? Most of us in PHIL-MONT already know. Before launching into this subject, let's make it thoroughly clear that it is NOT the intention of this club to dictate procedure, nor to try to establish anything resembling military net discipline. We are in this club for FUN, and want to pursue our hobby in a fashion that will be most enjoyable to us all. The suggestions that follow reflect nothing more than "horse sense" and have been adopted with the idea that it will best suit each one of us as a unit in a One Hundred man club.

Five score and seven months ago our founders brought forth upon this frequency a new club, dedicated to the proposition that all members are licensed equal. Let liberty, equality, and common sense prevail.....

Three "Pip" Break: A Phil-Mont invention. There should be no need to clarify what it is or how it is used. Let's all be alert to those three hetrodynes. It will someday be commons to all ham bands.

Long Winded Transmissions: When on Channel 1, try to keep transmissions short (preferably less than 2 mins.). If you feel windy, QSY to Channel 2 and beat your gums to a pulp.
Use of Channel 1: By all means, USE the channel. Use it whenever you can. Keep it alive. Monitor it and talk on it by the hour, with the two aforementioned points in mind.

Listen for Breakers: When in QSO with strong stations, stand by a few secs. for a weak breaker that may be struggling to get in; he may have tlc 4 U.

Mobiles: Give extra consideration to mobiles on the frequency. If they are working crosstown, help out with a relay or give fills. If they are 'way out and working bumper to bumper, they should follow the "Listen for Breakers" rule as well as powerful fixed stas.

Spontaneous Net Control: If you are in a position to put out a strong signal, and if you can hear all stations, try to coordinate a scramble among mobile stations. Line up the mobiles and give all stations a chance to make a transmission in turn. Keep your comments extra short and flash the freq.

Courtesy: There surely is no need to go into this. Ham radio has earned a reputation for courteous operation. If your wife burned the bacon, the kids are sick, your dynamotor burned out and the car caught fire, your mother-in-law is staying with you, etc., then stay off the air. You (and I) might say something we will both regret.

Remember, we don't own this frequency, we use it by the grace of God and the F.C.C. and it really belongs to the fraternity of Ham Radio.

73, de w3uv1

THE LATEST SCOOP:

Christmas must have done it! The supply of cards dwindled by a considerable amount last month so we are forced to fill in with more than the usual line off ear bending. We have one we couldn't quite figure out that came in too late for last months printing - maybe the listening audience can help. This is a riddle: Received in the form of a Christmas card a greeting with the following address- Mr. & Mrs. Burton D. Ferree, 216 Paddock Road Havertown, Pa. The question is who received the card? Only the gals are eligible for the prize for the correct answer. If you look on the club roster you will find the clue. Lou- can you help us out with this dilemma? --- By now you have heard the madhouse on the frequency regarding the Philmont Certificate which is an activity award for one and all for working a quantity of the club members. The rules are attached. The Certificate is an engrossed on parchment (paper to you) with the name of the fortunate individual done in 'ole english by none other than our 'ole englishman - for - the - occasion W3NIP. You didn't know that Chuck could write did you - if you want proof just line up the necessary contacts & submit them to him with the date & time and you will receive a hand scrolled (scrawled) sheepskin. All horsefeathers aside it is a right fine looking piece & a worthy of a position as decoration on any shack wall. Has been more fun than a barrel of monkeys with the W7's getting on & calling CQ CQ CQ CQ CQ CQ CQ CQCQCQCQCQCQCQCQCQ ETAL Philmont and clobbering up all their contacts. And you have to be careful what you say with all the boys such as W5BTG, WOEXG, K6QVI listening in. 'Tis amazing the way Mac & Bill hold up all day long and slide in their sly remarks every once in a while. Sure is gud to have you boys around. Right about now is the time to start selling Associate Memberships - do you boys all get the Blurb regularly? And to you souls on the freq. remember to sign up those you hear. The more in the fold the merrier. One day Bill came on & we thought he was down the street. ---

Awards of merit were presented to:

W3QZO ex- President

W3SAI ex- Vice Pres. &

present Secretary

W3CQH ex- Secretary

W3D4G ex & present Treasurer

for their fine job in carrying the administrative load of the Club for 1956. We are indebted to these fellows for their hard work in keeping PMRC right on top of the heap. Thanks to you chaps from the other 96. Thanks a million.

One of the fellers suggest we have a new roster made up. W3IRS sat at the door of several meetings and tripped anyone who tried to get in - then forced out of them the necessary scoop. Wonder if we could prevail on Frenchie to bar the door to the meetings again. We ought to have a new roster every year - some of the new fellows could help. Every so often ED receives a roster from the Washington gang all done up in a fancy folder. I can only think of all the work there is in getting that together. We don't need anything that elaborate but we would still like to know how they do it. There must be a

simple way. --- We plan to compile a list of clubs that are mobile and also a list of clubs who guard specific frequencies in the following way:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Freq. Guarded</u>	<u>Editor</u>
Washington Mobile Radio Club	D.C.	29,640	W3NL
Mobile Club of Albuquerque, N.M.	Same	29,600	?
St. Paul Mobile Radio Club	Minn.	?	?
Tiedwater Mobile Radio Club	Norfolk, Va.	?	?

Please use the cards - ask the skip stations about their activities. freq, editors, etc. send the scoop to Ed. Once under way this can be a worth while venture such as a "work all mobile clubs activity"- general swap of info etc. - get busy fellows and send the dope to Ed. W30EC is heading up this activity & we will make sure he gets the dope. Give it to him direct too, of course. --- W3QKC (a visitor) paid us a compliment "Very impressive outfit" ED's comment "Let's keep it that way. --- As you may know by now, ED now has a monitor on the first floor which is going most of the time-so there is not too much that gets by him now. We can't help noticing the increasing nation wide (and DX) coordination activity that we are taking on on Chan. 1. It sure is a fine effort with so many pipelines into Phila. from so many far away places. The skip stations are picking up the 3 pip break system and work into this area like locals. It doesn't make much sense when skip wants phone patches into Philly one minute & then sits on the channel working ragchews off the channel. A word to them will do much to keep the Chan. as a calling activity. --- Every time W3QZO Works W3AJ0 the fuse in Sam's Viking blows -- it does this at no other time! Kermit has a spell on 'im. --- W3IVD has an ice mounted vertical - it is gud til the first thaw then he goes to horizontal polarization. --- W3DJB & W3CW would like to know when they can join the club - they have been waiting some time. Which to bring a thot to mind. We have a lot of dead wood in the club - fellers who do not come out to meeting, do not engage in any activities, do not check in on Chan.1. There ought to be a way of making room for those few are equipped to give maximum interest to the Club. A few years back we limited membership to 100 no more no less & have found through a period of time that it has paid dividends (Pixies wall in the living room has been shored up and has been approved by the building inspector - it was first proposed there that we limit to 100 - the house has never been the same) However it was anticipated there would come a day when one of the hidden benefits would be realized - that of cleaning out the dead wood in favor of new fellows who would take an active interest. That day is apparently now. What steps can we take to get those who have been wanting in. Ernie D&G points out there are 35 memberships due in Dec. and that there are always vacancies. Maybe this will do it. It is obvious we do not need the \$5 dues of the dead-wood since we manage to have more than enuf in the till any time we decide to do something so let's sit it out a month or so and see what happens. Some clubs- Washington for instance have a system of activity worked out. If a member drops into a hole and is never heard from he is out. It may come to that with us if the situation does not improve. K4CKC (visitor) hopes to see us on the band when his rig is complete --- Overheard at the meeting - a remark directed to W3NIP "Are you with IRC". --- We are indebted to W3CDI for his excellent program and demonstration of 450 mc. operation. Lloyd and his associates gave a nice talk on citizens band operation. They use a repeater station with about 30 watts and blanket the entire area with a very nice sig. He had a mobile sailing down the pike in Flourtown and was receiving fb from Germantown with no perceptible flutter. Lloyd, Manager & Technical Director of the Commercial Electronics Service Corp. heads up installation and service for this type of gear - used mainly by contractors, firemen, police, utilities etc. --- We saw a sly bit in one of the local rags circulating about- W3UQV had been giving a program on FCC operations, --- It has been agreed to go ahead with the building of a trailer to carry our 3kw klunker. Jim Spence- is looking into the matter --- Our good friend and fellow member took a jaunt to Costa Rica with Carolyn as he promised he would - we suspect it was to partially celebrate the transfer of Powelton and of course to visit TI3JT. John was on every evening almost (and during the day) and could practically call into Chan 1 at will. Everyone who was on received a "new country to his credit" - it seems if you diligently monitor the freq. you can rack up

a formidable quantity of DX -- quite different when many of the boys used to rove the bands looking for it and doing only fair on the average. Of course those who really went out for it made 30 to 40 countries. We suspect W3VXN is doing right fine getting all his DX in "going to the bank". John W3SAI promised to write us a page on his experiences --- didn't you John. --- Two coming events have been announced with no definite dates set as yet - we will nail them down when we get the dope. - Boy Scout Jamboree & the World Series Model Airplane Meet - Spence is licking his chops over the prospect of putting a full 25 watts of audio out over the PA system on the Comm. Truck Jim may get the truck out to a CD gathering in Bethlehem which is a Husband & Wife dinner & shindig.--- W3VXN has submitted pictures and ED has the writeup & final draft for publication of our story on Every Single Minute to appear in CQ magazine (we hope) sometime in the coming months. Wayne has been patient to the point of giving us up we think. The draft ought to be in the mail by this mailing. --- The Springfield CD had an hours program on the 31st to introduce the entire CD activity to the participants. Ed gave a 10 minute talk explaining the activity of the Radio Amateur. The truck was on display and caused considerable comment. There was no demonstration - since a full treatment is planned at two future dates - One the later part of Feb. and the other several months later. The full dress job will require assistance - the following fellers offered to help - W3UUL, W3WNC, W3PWG, W3AJQ, W3OEC, W3NIP, W3YJM, W3IRS, W3LNQ, W3PXY, W3IDR, W3SAI, W3QQH, W3TOZ. Anyone else who would like to take part please identify. We don't have the exact dates but you will be pulsed well in advance.

COMING PROGRAMS

You will note by the enclosed committee sheet W3VXN is the new program chairman and with him comes new ideas on programs - tis good to change around a bit. Bill announces for Feb. a Gadget Nite where all the members have been encouraged to bring their pet gimmick and demonstrate & talk about it. The winner by popular acclaim will win a prize. Some of the fellers have started special projects for the meeting some of which are being tested on the air. If you have listened you will have heard them. Not knowing exactly we can only guess what one of them is - and very useful too - a result (we hope) much talk on the frequency of centering up on one channel precisely. --- March proves to be another innovation where you are to dig into the grab bag at home and come out with some useful gadget that can be placed on auction at the meeting - the proceeds to go to the club.--- Our hat is off to Vixen for new ideas- you boys who have been sitting on all your pet programs for some time give the word to Bill he can sure use the help. We found by experience that it is relatively easy to get programs when you have a backlog of 4 to 5 months lined up ahead so how about giving Bill a hand.

FROM THE CARD FILE- W3SAI the feller who is going to write up his trip (we hope) says W3NIP, WNC and GAG were discussing Ice Skating. The following resulted: ICE SKATING KEEPS YOU YOUNG

Skill and grace,
He hasn't got 'em:
He relies completely
On his padded bottom.

John's comment: We will let you decide on the "owner" of such a description!

The W3SMA's have taken up residence in their new home at 312 Summit Rd. Upper Providence Township - Media. The fixed station is still filtering down from Havertown piece by piece. --- The boys are missing the Tek-Ni-grams in this rag yet - still. This load is too much for one man and the other needs a typer so expect ED to agitate for \$35 for a machine for you know who. --- The Pres. was looking into a mirror after his letter from the President last month. Everyone came on with Hi Smugglebut this is Mergetroid. --- W3VCE reports to Uncle Sams boating enthusiasts as of 1-31-57 - sorry to see you go Tom - get on the air and work us when ever you get the chance --- The card file was slack this month

we will threaten to print the Post Card Saving Society of America or the Society of the Red Tongues, next month to see if we can't pry out the news. See you guys on next months list.

It happened on 29493:--it seems that Lou De Benedetto who does not have a ham ticket, was listening on Channel 1 when Chuck W3NIP announced to W3OWK that his car was spitting & running out of gas. Immediately after this announcement by Chuck, Al, OVK received a phone call from Lou, directing Al to tell Chuck that he (Lou) was on his way with the gasoline. Ten minutes later W3NIP was on his way. Thanks Lou, for your prompt action and fine assist.

*****A locator - is a guy who can find anything - if he can't find it, he'll make it - if he can't make it, he'll steal it.

NEW MOBILES HEARD - W3ELX, W3HLR, W3ZLX, W3OZD.

VISITORS TO THE LAST MEETING - W3QKC Pres. of a radio club in Belair, MD., Bob Carpenter, Harry Martin - Flourtown, Edmund Zitzer - W3HHQ - boy! Soence and Ed are going to have sum fun with that one some day in North Hills, W3BJR - Marv. Friedman, Dan Neubauer W3MDL, W3ADY Dick Ott, W3DJV Fred Kremer.

SWAP and SHOP

For sale - Complete mobile rig- 1 motorola FMT-30DMS AM-FM transmitter (now operating on 29.493- 50 watts. Complete with all cables- control box- and mike. 1- Conset Super 6 converter, complete with "TNS" Master Mobile heavy duty stainless whip mount and stainless whip.

Richard Klein- W3WXC
Tr-7-4507

PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB
1957

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS by W3UVL, president
CHAIRMAN UNDERLINED

Picnic	<u>W3SOB</u> , KDO, QCH, VSU
Dinner Dance	<u>W3NIP</u> , BBB, IM, WNC
Channel One	<u>W3IW</u> , VXN, CNO, DHJ
TVI	<u>W3IRS</u> , NIP, WNC, OWK, DSG, QVK, EM, VVS
Program	<u>W3VXN</u> , GIF, IVD, QZP
Refreshment	<u>W3YJM</u> , KNC, ULC, TOZ
RACES advisory	<u>W3CNO</u> , QCH, BGR, OWK
Field Day	<u>W3NIP</u> , DSG, QVK, ULC, SOB, UZF, QCH, KNC, WNC
10 on 10 net	<u>W3DSG</u> , QZO, NIP, LNQ
Public Relations	<u>W3YFY</u> , OWK, VXN, DVL
Publication	<u>W3WNC</u> , PXY, YJM, VSU, DSG, IW

FEATURES:

Historian	<u>W3IW</u>
Xmtr hunts	<u>W3DOU</u> , VSU, BBB
Film	<u>W3QCH</u> , VXN
Speakers bureau	<u>W3SAI</u> , QZO, GIF, PXY, 2ZAS, LNQ, WNC, DSG, ADV, KNC, IRS, QCH, JGB
Membership	<u>W3LNQ</u> , IRS, SAI, WNC, YJM
Auctions	<u>W3WNC</u> , GDY, IRS
Rig Construction	<u>W3IRS</u> , QZO, QCH, WNC, NIP, KNC, DSG, QVK, AJO

The following is the lineup for the Midmonth meetings for the year-

Jan.	W3SAE	Jul.	W3WNC
Feb.	W3YJM 2/20/57	Aug.	W3QCH
Mar.	W3KNC	Sep.	W3UVL
Apr.	W3QZO	Oct.	W3IRS
May	W3ADV	Nov.	---
Jun.	W3DOU	Dec.	---

Phil-Mont Certificate

To promote activity and fellowship, and encourage contacts with Phil-Mont members, Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, Philadelphia, Pa. offers a handsome three color CERTIFICATE to Radio Amateurs qualifying with the required number of contacts with Phil-Mont members.

1. Any licensed amateur in the world may claim this award by submitting his own QSL card along with a list of the required number of Phil-Mont members (including Call Letters, Date, Time) with whom he has had two way contact since January 1, 1957.
2. Foreign (ie outside continental USA) amateurs must contact 25 members.
3. USA amateurs (except Phil-Mont members) must contact 35 members.
4. Phil-Mont members must contact 50 members.
5. There is no restriction as to mode of operation, fixed, mobile except special endorsements will be made if all contacts are from or with mobiles. Suitable recognition will be made of other qualifying modes of operation if claimed when submitting for the award.
6. No QSL cards confirming contacts are required or will be returned. Merely submit the list of stations worked with the necessary information copied from your log. Upon cross-check of Phil-Mont logs, a certificate will be mailed to the address shown on your QSL card.
7. Phil-Mont Members request that respect be given to formal nets, drills, and emergency traffic on 29493 Kc but welcome contacts on this frequency at times when traffic is light. This frequency is monitored for the convenience of Phil-Mont members and those wishing to contact Phil-Mont. Shift to another frequency to carry on lengthy contacts.
8. List of Phil-Mont members 1/1/57

PHIL-MONT MEMBERS-1957

W3AAG-Dick	W3DOU-Tex	W3IEJ-Walt	W3PKY-George	W3OLC-Lewis
W3ACD-Chas.	W3DSG-Ernie	W3IGW-Howard	W3QCV-Lawrence	W3UKF-Doc
W3ADF-Bill	W3EM-Brad	W3IM-Jay	W3QKW-Damon	W3DMK-Dick
W3ADV-Fred	W3ERP-Aaron	W3IRS-Frenchy	W3QQH-Jim	W3UQM-Chet
W3AHP-Hal	W3EXY-Doc	W3IVD-Burt	W3QVK-John	W3UQV-Joe
W3AJO-Kermit	W3FDN-John	W3IW-Bob	W3QZO-Bob	W3UUL-Russ
W3AOE-Ernie	W3FPP-Tom	W3JGB-Bob	W3QZP-Bob	W3UZF-Al
W3AVH-John	W3FUS-Russ	W3KCG-Bruce	W3RFJ-ART	W3VCE-Tom
K2AXJ-Chas.	W3FUY-Stu	W3KDO-Harry	W3RCE-Ed	W3VSD-Lyle
W3BBB-Jim	W3GDA-Joe	W3KNC-John	W3SAM-Tom	W3VVS-Paul
W3BGR-Fally	W3GIF-Al	W3LNG-Frank	W3SAE-Ed	W3VXN-Bill
W3CCB-Bob	W3GPX-Herb	W3MHR-George	W3SAI-John	W3WNC-Hy
W3CDY-Lloyd	W3GRY-Ray	W3MVG-Arch	W3SGR-Carl	W3WVT-Jim
W3CHZ-Walt	W3HER-Walt	W3MXP-Chas.	W3SMA-Paul	W3WXC-Dick
W3CSS-Morrie	W3HFD-Frank	W3NIP-Chuck	W3SOB-Bob	W3YFV-Chas.
W3CNO-George	W3HFY-Hal	W3OEC-Bob	W3SRU-Gil	W3YJM-Chas.
W3CTT-Carl	W3HQJ-Doc	W3OWK-Al	W3TER-Dan	W3YRY-Lawrence
W3Cub-Bill	W3HRW-Abe	W3PIT-Chas.	W3TOZ-Allan	W2ZAS-Ev
W3DFJ-Arch	W3HYD-Al	W3PQV-Jim	W3THQ-Dick	W2ZEW-Ronny
W3DHJ-Jonsey	W3IDR-Dick	W3PWG-Rolly	W3UIX-Von	W3ZIA-Bob
				W3ZN-Hal

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

W3AZE-Joe	K2EGF-Myrle	W3GES-Ben	W3PST-Woody	W5RHW-Doc	W3YIR-Marge
W2BAY-Ed	W3ETA-	W3HTF-Herman	W3QV-Brad	W3VWX-Fred	W3ZIT-Jake
W3CLC-Matt	W3FSN-Paul	TI3JT-Joe	K6QVI-Chas	W2YKI-Henry	K2BFG-Cliff
					W3AUF-Spike